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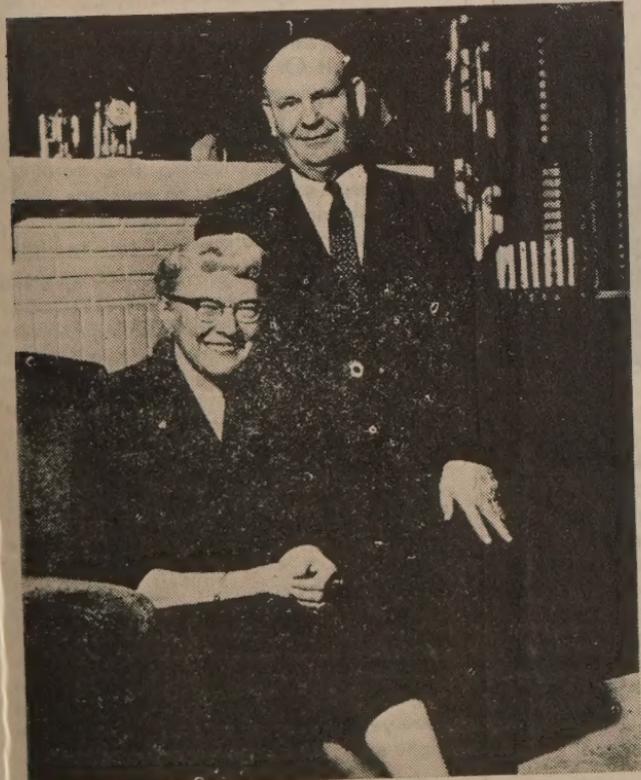
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DR. & MRS. CARL W. SATRE

true for the Satres' to see a church on the mission field in action, a church which both of them in some measure, have had a part to guide its destinies during its infancy. Really, God is good to us His children, His ways are mysterious, His works are marvellous.

Special greetings were brought to us by Dr. Satre from the President of the United Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry. The Satres' left on March 1, for

Dr. and Mrs. Satre, hail from Toledo, Ohio, United States. Dr. Satre is a graduate of Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, and also of Hamma Divinity, Springfield Ohio. He is pastor of Augsburg Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, a congregation with a communing membership of 1,701 persons. Both Dr. and Mrs. Satre have served as members of the Board of Foreign Missions Of the United Lutheran Church in America. Dr. and Mrs. Satre were met at Atkinsonfield by the President, Pastor A. R. Bowen on February 27 travelling on to Skeldon on the next day 28th. Dr. Satre had the privilege of joining in the Lutheran Evangelism Mission at Skeldon. In company with Pastor H. C. Magalee, Dr. Viggo Swensen, Pastor Clifton M. Weihe and Mr. C. S. Chu, the Satres' spent three most wonderful and exciting days on the Berbice River reaching as far as Kwakwani, where the Reynolds Metal company mine for Bauxite Ore. This has really been a dream come

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, where Dr. Satre will take part in a Lutheran Evangelism Mission.



DR. EARL S. ERB

Dr. Earl S. Erb, Executive secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions in America arrived in British Guiana on March 23, 1957, after spending about two weeks with our fellow Lutherans in Uruguay and Argentina. Dr. Erb is no stranger to us, since it was our privilege to have him visit with us in August 1954. His special assignment on this trip, was to conduct the follow up meetings with the Evangelism Committees of the New Amsterdam and Skeldon Areas. During the busy five days with us. Dr. Erb also visited many of the newly erected buildings and those under construction. The Administrative Committee met with Dr. Erb and discussed several important matters of the Church. The Committee is deeply grateful to Dr. Erb for his advise and counselling. Dr. Erb left for the United States on Thursday, March 28, accompanying him to the airport were the Chairman Pastor W.J. Wolff and Mr. C. S. Chu.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Do You Know That—

Our obligations to GOD are preferred obligations?

We are never to our bit but our best.

Witnessing When witnessing for Christ be sure to put a knot at the end of your line, seek to win.

Do Not Argue—The Lord needs witnesses, not lawyers.

Talk to GOD about your neighbors, and talk to your neighbors about GOD.

Keep your eyes on the horizon, your feet on the ground, your heart on Christ, and your finger on the door-bell.

Believe It Or Not, this really happened in British Guiana

In one of the congregations, a Pastor and his Vestry whil'st checking the evening's offerings, came across an envelope, with the following words written thereon
"A Wedding Anniversary Gift to Our Lord."

The couple, recognizing God's love and many blessings, and for spared lives to celebrate their twenty-third Wedding Anniversary, placed a gift of Twenty-five Dollars in the offering plate as a special Thank You.

MISSIONARIES LEAVING ON FURLough

Some time between July and August of this year Miss Marianne Fague and Pastor Ingalls and family will return to the United States on furlough. Miss Fague arrived in the colony in July, 1954 and Pastor Ingalls and family in September 1954.

The Church has granted Pastor H.C. Magalee on the completion of his leave, a three year study leave in order that he might enter College to further his studies.

Our best wishes and prayers ascend on high for these His workers.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING

We are happy to learn that Pastor Hansen and family and Miss Ruth Zartman will soon be with us again. We eagerly await their arrival.



Event — The Third Lutheran World Federation Assembly
 Place — Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.
 Time — August 15-25, 1957
 Theme — Christ Frees And Unites.

THE NEW AMSTERDAM PARISH

PASTOR E.B. MEYER

Ebenezer: Lutheran Evangelism Mission. For Ebenezer, statistics were not the goal of the Mission Week. The main purpose of the Mission was to (1) Deepen the spiritual life of our members (2) To equip them to do Evangelism everyday.

However, from the figures we note how many persons were willing to join the Pastor's class, to be enrolled in Sunday School and to be brought into the church through the rite of Holy Baptism. We discovered as a congregation, how inadequate our witnessing have been for our Lord. We discovered too, as we visited homes for prospective members during the Mission week, what joys we have been missing all the time. Through the Mission week, the seed has been sown, let us by our witnessing (evangelism) daily, take care and water the plant and allow God in His own time and by His almighty power to give the increase.

Luther League: Two successful free-will offering Concerts were staged by the Senior and Junior Leagues. The amounts received will be placed towards the Luther League Objective. Congratulations and thanks to everyone. Presiding at these Concerts were Messrs W. Persram and W. S. Khan

Women's League: Our women folk participated in the Rally held in St. Peter Church, Fyrisch Village on March 23. We are extremely proud of their efforts to assist to provide a Home for the Old Folks of our Lutheran Church. They have contributed to date through voluntary donations the sum of \$159.00. "What a splendid job our women did to clean the church so nicely for the Easter Services." Words are inadequate to thank you, we certainly appreciate all that you are doing as an organization, May God continue to bless your efforts.

Special Visitor: As a congregation we were delighted and happy to have Dr. Earl Erb worship with us, at the morning

service on March 24. His inspiring message certainly lifted us and encouraged us to carry on with the program of Evangelism. After the service, Dr. Erb on the platform of the saluting base, received the salute from the battalion of the Children of the Church. With the limited amount of instruments the Band did a creditable job rendering "Onward Christian Soldiers Thank you-little folks"

Appreciation Mr. Curby Fraser of Ebenezer is now out of Hospital. Through this medium he expresses his deep appreciation to all the kind friends who visited him in hospital, also to those who remembered him in many other ways.

Savannah Park Sunday School The Baby Sunday School of the Parish was not to be left out Easter Sunday. Despite the short time at their disposal, the very unfavourable conditions, the children rendered a good account of themselves. Congratulations to Mrs. King, teachers and pupils.

Glasgow Sunday School Mr. and Mrs. Gunpat are to be congratulated for the exemplary Christian Witness they bear in the village of Glasgow. Under their direction, and with the assistance of Catechist Jahoor, the children presented a fine Easter Program. The Sunday School needs about six more benches to accommodate the children. Perhaps some of our readers of this Magazine would like to donate a couple.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE RALLIES

Three Women's League Rallies were held in March. The theme of our rallies was, "Onward Ye Faithful."

One was at Holy Trinity, Buxton on March 31st. The speaker was Mrs. Ojohn a teacher at Buxton. She had been a missionary for sixteen years in Northern Rhodesia and told several interesting experience to illustrate her address. We were happy to have people from Lutheran congregations that do not have leagues at this rally.

The West Coast Leagues met at Christ Lutheran Church, Seafield on March 24th. This rally was very well attended and the speaker was Pastor Bowen, who encouraged the people to strive "Onward Ye Faithful"

The East Coast Berbice Leagues met at St. Peter's, Fyris. Two buses were chartered to take ladies from Ebenezer, St. Timothy, St. Thomas, and Transfiguration. Dr. Earl Erb, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, was the guest speaker.

The project of the Old Folks Home was presented at all the rallies. Thank-offering was brought by all the leagues.

This is a list of all the leagues and their gifts.

	March	Grand Total
Ebenezer	\$39.70	\$159.00
St. Timothy	14.19	109.19
Holy Communion	18.00	100.55
Advent	5.00	63.51
Good Shepherd	3.92	61.64
Transfiguration	6.75	62.52
Holy Trinity	13.26	67.26
Resurrection	8.31	55.55
St. John	11.25	52.72
St. Peter	4.83	45.71
Christ	6.36	35.80
St. Paul	2.00	26.33
Nazareth	6.76	31.66
Hope	5.33	28.77
Messiah	-	2.75
St. Thomas	5.60	5.60
Sadhu Sundar Singh	3.00	3.00
Bank Interest		7.99
Offerings	27.80	107.89
		\$1,027.44

WEST COAST BERBICE PARISH

PASTOR F. L. INGALLS

Thanks to the generosity of an inquirer to Bethany congregation, the Church has free electricity. The members gathered together and raised the necessary funds to install lights into the Church. The spirit and generosity of the people of this congregation is to be commended.

Christ Church will soon be completed. It is hoped that it will be ready for dedication and service by Pentecost. The members are pressing forward with the fund raising and are but approximately only \$500.00 short of enough to completely furnish this beautiful new chapel.

New bells from Sprostons will soon be put into use at Christ and Hope congregations. These bells are loud enough to be heard to the outreaches of these congregational points.

Lutheran Evangelism Mission All congregations are working hard in preparation for the Lutheran Evangelism Mission to be held May 12th-17th in the parish. Maps of each community are in the process and congregations are mobilizing for taking a census of the entire coast in order to best prepare a prospect list for the evangelism committees.

Missioners have already been lined up for these seven congregations:

Christ	—Pastor Hector C. Magalee
Resurrection	—Catechist Marvin Jahoor
Hope	—Pastor Aubrey R. Bowen
Nazareth	—Catechist Arnold Persaud
Advent	—Pastor Wallace J. Wolff
Good Shepherd	—Pastor Edward B. Meyer
Faith	—Pastor Franklin D. Christhilf

Mr. C. S. Chu, Chairman of the Evangelism Committee will be the Director of the Mission. Pastor F. Leland Ingalls will be host. Pastor and chairman of the area committee for these seven congregations.

Martin Luther Film to be shown in Lent at special showings in the parish throughout the Lenten period.

THE SKELDON PARISH

PASTOR F. D. CHRISTHILF

NATIVITY, Crabwood Creek
Catechist Joseph Ramlochan
Our Mission Week commenced on February 24th and ended on March 1st. It was truly an eventful week. The night services were very grand, the lay visit

ing committee did wonderful work, and the effect produced by that mission was clearly seen not only on Christians, but also on prospects and non-Christians. Our nightly service was conducted by Pastor E. B. Meyer, guest speaker for that week. The gathering each night was very large. A hymn-sing began each service and then the Pastor delivered his message. One of the favorite features each night was the question and answer period, at which time Pastor Meyer answered questions on the Christian faith. One night the people remained nearly an hour after service to listen to the question raised by a Hindu Pundit, which Pastor Meyer answered satisfactorily.

The Lay Visits Committee was very active. Everyday at 4 p.m. they received instruction from the missioner and then went visiting, especially on the non-Christians, many of whom never expected to come to the Christian Church. The response on the whole was good, with many prospective members being found for the Catechist's Class. The work of the Lay Visit Committee has greatly increased the hopes for a much larger congregation soon.

The mission had many good effects. Most of the members and prospects were strengthened in the faith. The Word of God was spread through the whole village. People from every walk of life were drawn into the Church and enlightened in the Christian way of life. If the Mission Week had continued a longer time, the Church would have received many more members.

We are now counting on our follow-up program to keep in touch with the many souls who were reached in February.

EMMANUEL, Skeldon

Catechist Harry Rajabally.

Emmanuel congregation has been host to a number of visitors in recent weeks. Throughout the Mission week in February we were pleased to have the Rev. Clifton M. Weihe and Dr. Viggo Swenser from the U. S. and Mr. Cyril Chu from New Amsterdam as our guests. Near the end of the Mission week we were also pleased to

have with us Dr. and Mrs. Carl W. Satre of Toledo, Ohio. It would be impossible to measure the wonderful contribution which these visitors made to the L.E.M. at Skeldon by way of inspiration, good humor and Christian witness. Through this paper we wish to thank each of them for their memorable visit and unselfish contribution of time and energy. On March 24, Dr. Earl Erb, Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Mr. Cyril S. Chu were with us to conduct a follow-up meeting with the Evangelism Committees of all of the churches in the Skeldon Parish. Nearly thirty people gave their reports and impressions of the Mission Week. They then listened attentively as Dr. Erb opened up their eyes to the work of the Church around the world, particularly in the field of evangelism. We sincerely appreciate the visit of Dr. Erb and are thankful that so many of the leaders in the Parish were able to meet with him and be lifted up by his stirring words.

It was a real privilege for Emmanuel Congregation to participate in the Evangelism Mission and to be able to offer its Church building for the two Mission rallies. For that week, we had a fine time "Sharing Christ." Although there was some opposition in the area, nevertheless the Word of God pressed forward into many parts of this non-Christian community. One measure of its success was the fact that the Mohammedans began to hold special services that week also so that their people would not attend the mission services. Our church has indeed been blessed by the Mission week. It was inspiring to see so many of our members giving a personal witness to Christ as they visited in the homes of non-Christian prospects and invited them to come to the services and to the Pastor's class. Our three newest members Mr. & Mrs. Albert Tiamfook and Mr. R. D. Khan, who were received into the Church only one week before the Mission started, contributed greatly to the success of the Mission.

Many thanks to Pastor Wallace J. Wolff, our able missioner who led us so capably through the Mission Week.

ST. PHILIP'S, Springlands Catechist
Harry Rajabally

We welcome our new Catechist and his family who came into the Skeldon area with a fine spirit to do the work. They came just when the congregation was in the midst of final preparation for the Lutheran Evangelism Mission Week. We had a successful mission with nine members enlisted for the catechist's Class which is held every Wednesday. To Pastor F. L. Ingalls we express our sincere gratitude for his leadership as missioner during this Mission week.

Our Sunday School is going fine. Mr. David Singh is conducting a nice program here. We appreciate his efforts very much and wish for him much success in working for the Lord.

The Luther League has been working hard under the leadership of Edward Sewdat, looking forward to the Convention which will soon be held in New Amsterdam. Newly elected officers are: David Singh President; Dennis Plummer, Vice-President; Harold Ramnarine, Secretary; and David Ramnarine, Treasurer. These officers were installed at the Easter Service.

ST. Matthias, No. 68 Village.
Catechist Edward Muckunlall.

March 3, was a happy day for the members of St. Matthias Church and more especially for the married couple who joined hands together in holy matrimony.

Skeldon Lutheran High School
Mr. Ongkar Narayan, Principal

The Easter term at Skeldon High School was significant in a number of ways. For the first time the 194 students used the beautiful new concrete classroom building, and they were mighty proud that first day as they were assigned to one of the eight multi-coloured rooms. Having separate classrooms has helped the teaching situation tremendously: conditions in the new building are so pleasant that both student and teachers look forward eagerly to each new day. The old wooden structure, fondly called the "Cowshed," still serves as an auditorium and Church until suitable build-

ings can be erected for these purposes. A new modernistic concrete Science building nears completion, thus making the High School plant undoubtedly the best in the Colony from the standpoint of buildings. The next step will be to secure funds for Physics and Chemistry Laboratory equipment, and at the same time to find a qualified person to be the Science Master. Right now the greatest need in the High school is for experienced teachers with high academic qualifications and the ability to exert a good moral influence over the students. With a full staff of such teachers, there is no limit to what can be done in this High School, both for the students and for the cause of Christianity.

Under the able leadership of the Principal, Mr. Narayan, organisations are blossoming in the High School like flowers in a well cared for garden. Newest to be born is the Christian Student Association which is already making its influence for the good felt in many of the activities of the School. When Skeldon played Corentyne High School at Rose Hall in cricket, the students from S. H. S. were outstanding in the fine way they conducted themselves. Though the game ended in a draw, the students and Principal had much to be proud of because of the fine showing both of the team and the spectators. The Student Council continues to lead the student body under President Gagindra Persaud, and the Dramatic Club has recently experienced a re-birth as plans were made to give a play in the near future.

A crowning highlight came on March 24 when the Principal, Mr. Ongkar Narayan gladly relinquished his hold on bachelorthood by uniting in marriage with Miss Manorama Narine before the altar of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Skeldon. All of the staff and many of the students were present to witness this long-looked for event. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Narayan from all who are connected with the High School. May you enjoy many happy years of married life together, and may this marriage truly be a blessing to you and to your respective families.

The Mission Week held within the Parish proved a great success and would always remain unforgettable. On the Sunday of the week, seven were received by Holy Baptism and on the following night three films were shown. All the services were well attended and the offerings received were above our expectation.

We were also lucky to have with us our distinguished North American friends in the persons of Pastor Weihe, Dr. Swensen, Dr. & Mrs. Satre, and our good friend Mr. Cyril S. Chu.

The Mission Week has meant a great deal to the community. We pray God's blessings upon His Church.

THE BERBICE RIVER PARISH PASTOR H.C. MAGALEE

Visitors from Government Mr. W. A. Angoy, District Commissioner accompanied by the Information Officer and the Self-help officer visited through the river and inspected the various self-help projects on our mission compounds.

Meetings were held at Mt. Hermon, St. Paul, Mt. Carmel, Hururu, Reformation and Grace and all of them were well attended. In every place our people took the opportunity of returning thanks to Government for its generous assistance in the construction of concrete pathways and stellings. The sentiments of all our congregations were expressed in the address made by Miss Audrey Williams. She said before I proceed to say thanks, it is my desire to allow the District Commissioner and the rest of our good friends in our presence today to know some of the difficulties that we suffered before we acquired these comforts.

There was a time when during the rainy weather people who came to church and other meetings, held on this compound, had to waddle in mud and wet grass, others were forced to travel without wearing their shoes and even those who attempted to wear theirs suffered from an early destruction of nice and expensive foot-wear. Now we are in a position, where, regardless of rain or sun we can wear our best and on

clear and sound pathway, without fear of any destruction done to our clothing

With regards to the stelling and shed; before these were built so that the steamer could stop here and give out and take in our cargo and produce: for many years we were forced to travel distances of half a mile to a mile plus another two miles that the steamer usually pulls our boats up river, just so as to receive our cargo and ship our produce. Besides this, very many were the times when during the rainy season our people were soaked to the bones, their groceries of rice, flour and other things were wet and became no good; corn that were shipped were wet and rejected at the Produce Depot, all amount to the great financial loss of our people. Now, with our stelling and the steamer stopping, these sufferings and loss have become things of the past.

We are greatly indebted to our Government and we wish to record our sincere thanks for their gracious and timely help."

The meetings were enlivened with musical items and recitations. At Mt Hermon solos and duets were rendered by Mesdames M. Shortt, Sampson and M. Marshall and by Miss B. Douglas. Speeches were made by Mr. Eustace Lefluer, Mr. W. Reece, Mr. Wilfred Thom and Catechist Fredericks

Mrs. Plygenia Hartman presided at the meeting at St. Paul, Miss Eva Hartman rendered a solo and Mr. A. Hartman recited. Speeches were made by Mr. W. Fryer Mr. Piercy Sauers and Catechist Duggin.

At Mt. Carmel, Miss Constance Edwards sang and speeches were made by Mr. W. Blair Jnr., Mr. Patrick Carpen and Mr. Dodman Campbell.

The children at Hururu under the direction of Mr. Rudolph Loy presented a fine programme and speeches were made by Mr. Nehemiah John and Mr. Louis Veveiros.

Mr. Ben Gladstone, Church Secretary of Reformation welcomed the visitors and Mr. John Macedo presented the problem of the community.

At Grace, Mr. Herman Leps gave an address which was followed with speeches by Mr. Lloyd Lindie and Catechist Munro.

The Government Officials were greatly impressed with what they had seen and listened with patience and sympathy to the many problems of our people. He promised to make more visits in the near future and to seek solutions for the problems which had been brought to his attention.

ATONEMENT, Ebeni:— Mr. Budram Fauder who had been acting head teacher of Atonement School now fills a position at Redeemer, Campbellville. Mr. Alfred Chanderpaul has been appointed new head-teacher and we welcome him and his family to Atonement.

Mr. Chanderpaul is a Trained First Class Teacher and graduate of the Government Teachers' Training College. He formerly taught in a school of over 700 pupils. It is the first time in the history of our Reg. 95 schools on the river and perhaps in the history of Reg. 95 schools in the colony that someone with such qualifications has accepted such a position. We are very happy about the appointment and hope that our children will receive the full benefits of Mr. Chanderpaul's qualifications and experience.

Mr. W. Reece, who has been acting Lay-reader at Atonement since September last year, became ill and was unable to continue his activities. Mr. Wilfred Thom has been appointed in his place.

REFORMATION, Kimbia:—Catechist Kyte Ramessar who served as Catechist teacher for a year and a half has been transferred to Christ Church, Seafield and Catechist R. D. K. Singh has been appointed in his place. We wish to thank Catechist Ramessar for his faithful services rendered at Kimbia. We welcome Catechist and Mrs. Singh who are no strangers at Reformation.

MT. CARMEL, Ituni:—From January 16 to April 15, Catechist W. A. Blair was on a well-earned leave of absence. He and his family spent the three months in New Amsterdam. During his absence from Ituni Mr. Patrick Karpen carried on the duties of head-teacher and Mr. John Reece was appointed acting lay-reader. We thank these gentlemen for their kind services.

We regret to announce the death of the Captain of our Mission, Mr. Arthur Campbell who passed away at 3 o'clock on Good Friday and was buried on Holy Saturday. Capt. Campbell was elected to his honorary position in September of last year and succeeded his devoted father who held the position for very many years. Like his father, he was a man of very few words but in his untiring zeal and interest in the work of the Church and in his consecrated christian life he spoke eloquently and effectively to all who came about him. He was born on Good Friday 49 years ago and was married to the former Sarah Stass who is now Matron of our Mt. Carmel Hostel. His one and only child, Marjorie, is married to Councilman Matthew Fredericks. We tender our deep sympathy to all his relatives.

HURURU:—On Holy Saturday night the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the rite of Confirmation were, for the first time, administered. This would be, for many, a new r-to-be-forgotten experience.

In the stillness of the jungle night and under the tiny flickering flames of candle-light and with the memories of past centuries when the tomb yet held the body of the Saviour, two infants were received into His Church and Mrs. Anna Ney and Master Bryan Alstine into full membership. In the administration of the Lord's Supper only five were qualified to stand before the Lord's table—a small and insignificant number; but there they stood like the five barley loaves which Jesus once used to feed so many. May these five also give themselves to Him that at Hururu may likewise be fed.